

REMARKS

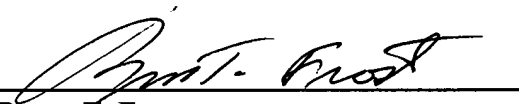
The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies, including some that may have been indefinite according to U.S. practice. Claims 22 and 24 are also amended to replace numerals with word equivalents, in the body of each claim, and grammar revisions are made to Claim 36. These amendments are made to clarify the claims and to avoid payment of the surcharge for submitting a multiple-dependent claim, and are not intended to enlarge or diminish the scope of the original claims.

The Applicant requests entry of these amendments before calculating the total amount of filing fee required for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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